57. Zimbabwe

58. Caricom (i. e. Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grandda, Guyana, St. Kits, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad, and Tobago, Monterrat)

59. Junac, Lima.

Export of Fabrics etc. by NTC

1669. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the National Textile Corporation during the last two years to increase the exports of fabrics and other products;

(b) what was the volume of exports of the above items made during the last year; and

(c) what is the estimated volume of exports of the above items during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Some of the important steps taken by N.T.C. to increase exports are given below:—

(1) Export wing has been strengthened.

(2) An Export Committee, consisting of CMDS of Subsidiary Corporations and Functional Directors of the Holding Company has been set up to review export strategies on quarterly basis.

(3) Potential markets and products are identified periodically.

(4) Modernisation of machinery and equipment to meet the export standards.

(5) Participation in International Fairs to survey potential export market.

(b) During the year 1984-85, the export of NTC product was worth Rs. 39.57 crores as compared to Rs. 13.57 crores in 1983-84.

(c) The export target for 1985-86 is Rs. 45 crores.

Trade between India and Pakistan

1670. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh proposals are under Government's consideration to expand trade between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the areas which have been identified for probably trade expansion between the two countries; and

(c) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) During the visit of Pakistan Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Affairs to New Delhi from 14-16 November, 1985, induction of private trade into bilateral commercial exchanges and stepping up of trade in items purchased by public sector organisations of the two countries was discussed. Details of the above proposals are to be worked out in subsequent negotiations.

Decline in foreign tourists' inflow

1671. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inflow of foreign tourists has declined in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to attract tourists from abroad; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate facilities at the tourists spots in the country so as to attract more foreign tourists?